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14 September 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A  
SUBJECT : Mr. Kenneth Sprankle.

1. Confirming our telephone conversation of today, the attached telegram indicates that Mr. Kenneth Sprankle, Acting Chief Clerk, House Appropriations Committee, will accompany Congressman Otto E. Passman on a trip to Europe to inspect naval installations.

2. Mr. Sprankle contacted Mr. Pforzheimer and, while advising him that he did not desire to look into CIA operations, said he thought that he might be interested in seeing some of our senior people while on this trip. I spoke to the Director about this and he requested that I ask you to arrange for Mr. Sprankle to see the senior personnel in stations where security considerations would permit.

3. Mr. Sprankle is important to us in his position on the staff of the House Appropriations Committee. He has, in the past, been something less than enthusiastic in supporting CIA and has shown a general lack of appreciation for the difference between CIA's problems and those of any other Government agencies. My suggestion would be that personnel whom he is to see be advised of this and requested to emphasize in their discussions with him the necessity for special procedures, security considerations, and unusual handling of funds.

4. We have never had dealings with Congressman Passman and Mr. Howe who are also to be in this party and I would suggest that any contact with them be avoided if possible.

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L. K. White

cc: Mr. Pforzheimer  
Mr. Saunders

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